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KHORRAMSHAHR 4, TEHRAN 53, BASRA UNNUMBERED.

Tehran's 807.

Embassy October 20 reviewed Shatt problem with Foreign Office (Le Quesne, Assistant Head, Eastern Department). Foreign Office believes approaches by British and American Ambassadors has "taken steam" out of matter for moment and that Iranians now will not provoke trouble. Foreign Office plans instruct British Embassy Tehran go back to Iranians and endeavor obtain detailed statement their complaints apart from question Khosroabad which UK appears to believe are not well founded. Re Khosroabad, Foreign Office hopes Iraqi offer (penultimate paragraph reference telegram) will permit agreement.

Following further report from Tehran Foreign Office probably will instruct British Embassy Baghdad speak with Iraqis saying UK glad to learn of Iraqi suggestion regarding Khosroabad and hopes talks with Iranians about this port will provide opportunity for over-all discussion Shatt question.

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